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on the first page, lines 3 and 4 of AM0867, I want to strike that language I read. The word "Management" is used in the title of this act. What we're really talking about, ultimately, is killing whatever number of these animals need to be killed to keep them from going into somebody else's property and burrowing, tunneling, and doing whatever else they do while on that other person's property. Isn't that true?

SENATOR LOUDEN: No. It...this is a management act. We don't have any place in there where we talk about they have to be eradicated. Because South Dakota and some of the other states pass bills that eradicate them. There's other areas that rodents are eradicated. So this is a management act. However they want to keep them on their own property is up to them.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Has there...?

SENATOR LOUDEN: There's various ways...

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Is there any program related to prairie dog management currently existing in the state of Nebraska?

SENATOR LOUDEN: No. There's nothing in the state of Nebraska. This is all new ideas and new ways to do it.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: The Department of Agriculture for the state has no program for prairie dog management. Is that true?

SENATOR LOUDEN: Okay, what they do, the...are you saying the Nebraska Department of Agriculture or the USDA?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm taking it a step at a time. The Nebraska Department of Agriculture.

SENATOR LOUDEN: No, I don't...as far as I know, they don't have any plan. Because what plans are being utilized are through the...at the county level.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And the U.S. Department of Agriculture is what I will ask you about next. Does that department have a prairie dog management program?